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SUBJECT: GATT CONSULTATIVE GROUP OF 18

1. AT LUNCHEON OF SOME BOP COMMITTEE REPS, SWISS GATT REP ARTHUR DUNKEL SAID SWITZERLAND IS CONSIDERING PLACING BEFORE GROUP OF 18 PROBLEM OF LDCS' "HIDING BEHIND" GATT ART. XVIII RESTRICTIONS. DUNKEL (WHO PLANS ATTEND IN CAPACITY OF SWISS OFFICIAL OUT OF BERN, NOT GENEVA) SAYS LDCS BEGINNING RAISE ART. XVIII BALANCE-OF-PAYMENTS CRITERIA AS JUSTIFICATION NOT TO DISCUSS OWN IMPORT RESTRICTIONS IN SUCH DIVERSE FORA AS GATT TEXTILES AGREEMENT AND MTN BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS ON QRS; HE FEELS THIS WOULD BE USEFUL SUBSTANTIVE ISSUE FOR G-18 TO DISCUSS. DUGIMONT OF EC COMMISSION CLAIMS EC RUNNING INTO SIMILAR DIFFICULTIES. DUNKEL PROPOSES ASK G-18, "SHOULD QR NEGOTIATIONS BE PREEMPTED BY ART. XVIII?"

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2. WE AGREE THAT LDCS TEND RELY ON ART. XVIII TO COVER
MULTITUDE OF SINS, BUT NEITHER WE NOR MTN DEL HAVE YET
ENCOUNTERED SPECIFIC LINKAGES TO WHICH SWISS AND EC
REFER. OUR INITIAL REACTION IS THAT THIS IS AN ISSUE
LARGELY CONFINED TO MTN AND THUS WE SHOULD DISCOURAGE
ITS INTRODUCTION INTO G-18. MTN DEL SHARES THIS VIEW.
ABRAMS

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